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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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Chief, Community Counterintelligence Staff/IC Staff

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SUBJECT: SSCI Staff Meeting on US/USSR Reciprocity and
Equivalency Legislation

1. On 27 March 1984 at 1400 hours, [redacted] of my staff attended, as an observer, a meeting called by John Elliff, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) staff, at the Hart Senate Office Building. Other attendees were [redacted] CIA; James Sturgis, FBI; and Mark Palmer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Eastern European Affairs. [redacted]

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2. Mr. Elliff had, prior to the meeting, indicated that he wished to discuss draft language being prepared at the request of Senators Walter Huddleston (D-KY) and Patrick Leahy (D-VT) to address diplomatic reciprocity with the Soviet Union. [redacted]

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3. Mr. Elliff distributed the attached draft at the outset of the meeting. He advised that both Senators Huddleston and Leahy are disturbed by what they perceive as a lack of equivalency and reciprocity in relations between the US and the USSR. (On 15 March 1984, State forwarded a requested report to the Congressional committees on intelligence and foreign relations dealing with these issues.) The SSCI plans to hold early hearings, according to Mr. Elliff, to generate some action to redress this imbalance which now favors the Soviets. [redacted]

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4. Mr. Palmer stated that, while he could not speak for the Administration since no policy has been determined with respect to what further action should be taken to achieve greater reciprocity and equivalence, it is State's position that several positive steps have been taken. These were identified as some nine actions resulting from SIG-I deliberation on the hostile presence issue in March 1983. Mr. Palmer also noted State's exception to Congress considering proposed actions before the Executive Branch has completed its review of additional measures which have been proposed. Mr. Palmer suggested that a SIG-I meeting to address these measures would produce recommendations for an Administration policy decision. [redacted]

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5. On a collateral matter, there was some discussion of language in the attached SSCI Staff draft concerning the appointment of a successor to James Nolan as Director of the Office of Foreign Missions. Mr. Palmer stated that State is opposed to any proposal to rescind the requirement that a new Director have ten years foreign service experience since such experience is essential to the task of implementing reciprocity (attached is a copy of State's position on this matter and other issues discussed). 

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6. Mr. Palmer requested additional time to further consider the SSCI Staff draft. Mr. Elliff remarked that he is to have the draft to Senator Huddleston by the end of this week and that he would need comments promptly.
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7. The meeting concluded at 1500 hours. 

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